



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2011**

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Chuck Bradford
Kevin Crites
Tammy Cowdery – arrived at 6:18

Guests:

Paula Coggin, appointed to council – took oath of office

City Staff:

Dessie Enns, City Secretary
Tom Townsend, Public Works Director
Cindy Bartlett, Assistant to City Secretary

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Regular meeting of the Redwater City council was called to order by Mayor Lorange at 6:05 pm on Monday, April 11, 2011, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Bradford.

Public Comments – Open Forum

None.

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Robert Lorange
- **Discussion with Bowie Cass regarding street lights** – in a discussion with a representative of Bowie Cass, Mayor Lorange pointed out that the contract the City had with them prior to 2008 stated Bowie Cass would provide the City with street lights at no cost and it was never done. As Bowie Cass had balked earlier at the suggestion of a 2% franchise tax increase, Mayor Lorange asked if it would be possible for Bowie Cass to provide the lights and the City pay the electric bill. Mayor Lorange was asked to mark about 10 sites to put lights and Bowie Cass will look at the cost and see what they can do.
 - **Update on Riverbend** – motion was made at the last meeting to place adding Redwater to Riverbend on the next agenda. However, if new legislation passes Riverbend will be restructured and small cities, including Redwater, will have a representative on the board.
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
- **Update on recycling project** – going well. On track with grant funds.

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- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
- Repaired a couple of minor leaks
 - Mike will go to Tyler on the 14th to take CSI test
 - Guys have been mowing and spraying weed killer; cleaned around abandoned storage facility on Highway 67
 - Preparing for Spring Cleanup
 - Completed water re-use project at treatment plant
 - Electrician is getting prices on transfer switches
- (d) City Secretary – Dessie Enns
- **Monthly General Fund Financial Report** – Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Quarterly General Fund Financial Report** - Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Monthly Water/Sewer Financial Report** - Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Certification of Unopposed Candidates** – Read and signed by Dessie
- (e) Water Department – Cindy Bartlett
- **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – Dodge \$1,441 for brakes and tires; filed brake repair on insurance
 - **Cut Off list** – Council reviewed cut off list for March
 - **ACH processing** - \$7,069.04

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the March 14, 2011 regular meeting**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for March 1 – March 31, 2011**

The motion carried.

Ordinances / Resolutions

- (a) **Approve Ordinance No. 11-05-30, declaring unopposed candidates in the May 14, 2011 joint election elected to office and canceling the election**

ORDINANCE NO. 11-05-30: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 14, 2011 JOINT ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance No. 11-05-30. The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider/Take action on accepting resignation submitted by Council Member Ronnie Bell**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Crites, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to accept resignation of Council Member Ronnie Bell. The motion carried.

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- (b) **Consider/Take action on appointing Paula Coggin to City Council Place 1; with Oath of Office to be Administered by City Secretary**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Paula Coggin to City Council, replacing Ronnie Bell in Place 1. The motion carried. City Secretary Dessie Enns administered the Oath of Office.

- (c) **Consider/Take action on appointing Cary Rochelle as City Attorney**
Mr. Rochelle will be called on an as-needed basis. No retainer fee will be paid.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Cary Rochelle as official attorney to be used by the City of Redwater. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Open/Award bid(s) for purchase of City Water & Sewer Department's 1994 Ford F250 XL ¾ ton truck**

All three bids submitted were below amount expected for truck; Council determined it was in the City's best interest to deny all bids and sell the truck for the value of the metal at Tri State Iron & Metal.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Crites, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to deny all bids and have the truck weighed and sold for scrap metal. The motion carried.

- (b) **Consider/Approve installation of bulk storage fuel tank and berm at wastewater plant**
Mayor Lorance stated that buying gasoline in bulk will save the City from having to pay federal fuel tax. Tanks must be contained. Got a price quote of \$3,800 to build a berm. Councilmember Crites asked about self-contained tanks. Mayor Lorance to check into those and find out which would cost less.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Crites, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to install bulk storage fuel tank, either in a berm or a self-contained tank, whichever is the least cost to the City. The motion carried.

- (c) **Discuss seeking bids for maintenance contract on heat pump systems at city hall and wastewater plant office**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Bradford, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to advertise for bids for service contract on newly installed heat pump systems. The motion carried.

Adjourn

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 7:20 pm on Monday, April 11, 2011. The motion carried.

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These minutes approved on the 9 day of May, 2011.

Leo Whelchel
Robert Lorance, MAYOR
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro-TEM

ATTEST:

Dessie Enns
Dessie Enns, CITY SECRETARY